Thursday, April 30, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 37

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20080515-030 to amend the map indicating areas with additional regulations applying to Mobile Food Establishments in accordance with Section 25-2-812 of the City Code. (Suggested date and time: May 21, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

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Prior Council Action: September 28, 2006 - The City Council approved an ordinance regulating mobile food establishments providing that neighborhood associations could submit an application requesting that mobile food establishments in neighborhood association areas comply with additional distance requirements. The ordinance also required that neighborhoods submit their requests during February of each year, with Council approval to occur only during the month of April. The ordinance did not require notification to the mobile food vendors of the neighborhood applications. (Ordinance 20060928-020.)

January 31, 2008 - The City Council deleted April as the required time that they would consider these requests and instead permitted these requests to be reviewed on an annual basis. They also allowed planning area contact teams to submit an application and to also provide notification to the mobile food venders of the neighborhood applications. (Ordinance 20080131-133.)

There are two ways a neighborhood association may request that the regulations apply to their area: (1) during the neighborhood planning process; or; (2) submit an application during the open filing period in February.

The following neighborhood organizations have requested that the additional restrictions on mobile food establishments apply to their respective area:

Los Arboles Homeowners' Association University Hills Neighborhood Association Berdol/Meadows at Berdoll Community East Riverside/Oltorf Combined Neighborhood Planning Area

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) recommends that a map of the Mobile Food Establishment be created and established to include the above mentioned neighborhood associations.